

notice by the Sri Lanka Government on 16 October 1991 and asked to leave Colombo by 21 October 1991 on the ground of mis-reporting. The charge of mis-reporting referred to his report on 15 October 1991 that the Sri Lankan Speaker of Parliament Mr. M.H. Mohamed had submitted his resignation. It was learnt later that this was not the case.

(c) and (d). On 17 October 1991, Government took up the matter regarding expulsion of the AIR correspondent with Sri Lanka Government through our Mission in Colombo. Government expressed regret at the expulsion order served on Shri Karuppaswamy in spite of the fact that both AIR and Doordarshan immediately retracted their earlier report about the resignation of the Sri Lankan Speaker. Notwithstanding our demarche, the Sri Lanka Government went through with Shri Karuppaswamy's expulsion. No action has yet been taken to replace the AIR correspondent.

National Research Centre for Oil Palm

1178. **SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the location for setting up of the National Research Centre for Oil Palm in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above Centre is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

National Oilseeds Grid

1179. **SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has any proposal to set up a National Oilseeds Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the interests of the oil seed growers are adequately taken care in the proposed set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) National Dairy Development Board has a proposal to set up a National Oil Grid.

(b) The objective of the National Oil Grid is to link the major oilseeds producing areas with the demand centres which help in reducing wide fluctuations in the prices oils over seasons and regions. The proposal envisages :

- (i) creation of oil storage capacity at strategic locations;
- (ii) establishing packaging stations across the country to pack edible oils;
- (iii) developing an economical transport system to move oilseeds and oil from surplus to deficit zones.

(c) Yes, Sir. The proposal also envisages linking the above facilities with the already established oilseed processing refining and other infrastructure under the NDDB financed oilseed Growers' Cooperative Project thereby benefiting member farmers.

Development of Fisheries in Andhra Pradesh

1180. **SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team from Australia/ World Bank visited Andhra Pradesh to survey the availability of fishery resources in the

state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the additional financial assistance given to Andhra Pradesh for development of fisheries in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A FAO/World Bank Project Preparation Mission visited some selected States including Andhra Pradesh for preparing a report for development of brackishwater shrimp and reservoir fisheries in the State, during May-June, 1990. The project was appraised by a World Bank Mission in June-July, '91.

An Australian Team from Australian International Development Assistance Bureau visited India including Andhra Pradesh in early 1991 for conducting a feasibility study for establishment of a fish processing Project.

(c) During 1991-92, an outlay of Rs. 720 lakh was allocated for fisheries development in Andhra Pradesh, as against an approved original outlay of Rs. 600 lakh for 1990-91 which was subsequently increased to Rs. 825 lakh during March, 1991.

National Perspective Plan

1181. **SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDRIQUE:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under the National Perspective Plan for water resources development in the country;

(b) whether there is any time-schedule for completion of the investigation of the Himalayan component of the grid for constructing storages on the main Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The National Water Development Agency has taken up studies for the Peninsular and Himalayan Component of the National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development. So far prefeasibility Reports for Seven Water Transfer Links of the Peninsular Component have been completed and Survey and Investigation for three of these links are under progress. Studies for the Himalayan Component were initiated from the current year.

(b) National Water Development Agency has drawn up a time schedule for completing the studies and field investigations for both the Peninsular and Himalayan component by the year 2000 AD. Actual progress will depend upon the availability of required funds and staff.

(c) Nineteen Water transfer links have been identified under the Himalayan Component for pre-feasibility studies. Five of these links are proposed to be investigated in detail during 1994-95 to 1996-97 and the remaining during 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

National Research Stations In Andhra Pradesh

1182. **PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh/Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University have submitted proposal to the Union Government for setting up of National Research Stations in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposed locations where these stations are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.